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SUBJECT: FRAUDULENT REPORT OF BIRTH FILED BY YU-CHEN LI

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1. SUMMARY. REFTEL DETAILS FRAUD COMMITTED BY SUBJECT IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN U.S. CITIZENSHIP FOR AN ALIEN CHILD. EMBASSY WISHES TO MAKE COMPLETE DISCLOSURE OF CASE TO CHINESE AUTHORITIES IN EFFORT PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENTS FROM OCCURRING IN FUTURE. END SUMMARU.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES PROMPT REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE TO CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO FULLY INVESTIGATE BABY FRAUD. WE ARE SCEPTICAL OF SUBJECT'S SWORN STATEMENT CLAIMING SHE DID NOT BUY BABY FROM NATURAL MOTHER OR PAY DR. KAN-CHING LE FOR FRAUDULENT CHINESE BIRTH CERTIFICATE. ALTHOUGH THIS CASE MAY BE ISOLATED INCIDENT, ONLY COMPLETE INVESTIGATION CAN INSURE DR. LE IS NOT RUNNING OPERATION SELLING BABIES. WE ARE ALSO ALARMED BY APPARENT EASE SUBJECT OBTAINED AUTHENTIC CHINESE BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND WISH TO ADVISE CHINESE AUTHORITIES OF OUR CONERN WITH VERACITY OF CHINESE CIVIL RECORDS.

3. WE HAVE ENCOURNTERD MANY PAST INSTANCES WHERE FRAUDULENT
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COCUMENTS WERE PREPARED BY LOCAL CHINESE FOR PRESENTATION

TO CONSULAR SECTION AS "FAVOR FOR A FRIEND". PRINCIPAL REASON THIS PRACTICE IS WIDESPREAD IS THAT EVEN IF CONSULAR SECTION DISCOVERS FRAUD, NO ACTION CAN BE TAKEN AGAINST PERSONS WHO PREPARE FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS SINCE IT IS DIFFICULT TO ENLIST ASSISTANCE OF CHINESE AUTHORITIES IN PROSECUTING SUCH INDIVIDUALS. IN THIS INSTANCE, WE BELIEVE DR. LE' ACTION IN PREPARING FRAUDULENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO WARRANT VIGOROUS ACTION BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES. FURTHER, DR. LE'S PROSECUTION MAY BE A DETERRENT TO OTHERS WHO ARE REQUESTED TO PREPARE FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS.

4. THE EMBASSY ALSO RECOGNIZES THAT IF THIS CASE IS TURNED OVER TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE US CITIZENS INVOLVED MAY ALSO FACE PROSECUTION AND POSSIBLE IMPRISONMENT. WHILE THE

EMBASSY IS RELUCTANT TO OPEN ITSELF TO CHARGES THAT WE HAVE JEOPARDIZED THE WELFARE OF A US CITIZEN, WE ALSO DO NOT WISH TO BE IN THE POSITION OF CONCEALING A VIOLATION OF CHINESE LAW FROM THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

5. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE GUIDANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT. IS THE EMBASSY JUSTIFIED IN TURNING OVER TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES COPIES OF THE SWORN STATEMENTS EXECUTED BY THE SUBJECT AND HER HUSBAND ADMITTING THE FRAUD AND A COPY OF THE FRAUDULENT CHINESE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR SHOULD THE EMBASSY TAKE NO ACTION AND TRANSMIT THE CASE TO THE DEPARTMENT. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. UNGER

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